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State of Washington
Fish and Wildlife Commission
600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Dear Commissioners:

Two issues of concern have recently come to the attention of the Forks City council. One concern is the potential closing of the Sol Duc fish hatchery and the other is a small group of individuals who feel that no wild steelhead should be retained on the Quileute River system (Sol Duc).

It is the belief of the City of Forks that the current situation of fish hatcheries, habitat enhancement and regulations, both recreational and tribal, are functioning at an optimum level. The wild runs are strong, the hatchery runs are strong and the local fishing industry (in river) is one economic bright spot in an otherwise dismal local economy.

Please, for the sake of our community, consult with us before any changes are made or considered for this system. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Phil Arbeiter
Mayor
City of Forks

cc: Jeff Koenings – Director
Evan Jacoby – Rules Coordinator